

Sinclair has a long term history of playing politics to enhance their own bottom line. This is a COMPLETE and TOTAL THREAT TO OUR DEMOCRACY. At a time when many lives are being lost in the name of freedom and democracy, it sickens me to see that our own government is all too happy to collaborate with the demise of democracy and free press in our own country. When the media starts reporting biased views in an effort to protect its own profitable interests, the Government must step in and protect the citizens of that society. Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.